

MAINE 1115 PHARMACY DEMONSTRATION

FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Pharmacy Plus

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SUMMARY

This demonstration will provide pharmacy benefits, tailored for specific disease states, to low-income adults with disabilities and seniors. The state-only funded program (Disabled and Elderly Drugs—DEL) has been in operation, and the state would like to convert it to a federally funded program. Maine will increase the benefit received by adding 2 more disease states to cover, and has added the voluntary mail order and benefit catastrophic cap features. The DEL program is currently operating as a state funded portion of the Healthy Maine Prescriptions 1115 rebate discount demonstration. Via this demonstration submittal, the state is seeking federal match for the funds that are currently not receiving FFP. This demonstration is an actual benefit provided to the enrollee, and state/federal funds would be expended.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals eligible for the demonstration program must meet the following requirements:

- Resident of Maine
- Age 62 or older
- People with Disabilities Age 19 and older
- Income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL)
- Not otherwise eligible for Medicaid

The state does not intend to apply an asset test to the demonstration population.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

The demonstration targets treatment of specific health conditions: diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, chronic lung disease (including emphysema and asthma), arthritis, anticoagulation, hyperlipidemia, incontinence, thyroid disease, osteoporosis, Parkinson's disease, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, cancer, and depression. The latter two are additions in coverage from the state only funded program. Individuals otherwise

eligible for DEL but who are in need of medications other than those that are covered above will be eligible to receive benefits under the state's currently operating "Healthy Maine Prescriptions" rebate discount 1115 program.

COST-SHARING

All members will pay co-payments at the point of service. There is a 3-tiered copayment system:

1. 20% per prescription for drugs for specific disease states and generic drugs;
2. 10% per prescription with voluntary mail order program for these same drugs
3. After \$1,000 out of pocket expense, 20% co-payment for a broader range of eligible prescription drugs.

ENROLLMENT

Currently there are 36,268 people in the DEL program. Applications will be handled by the State Medicaid Agency.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The program will be operated via the same set of pharmacies that serve the Medicaid population.

BENEFIT MANAGEMENT

The demonstration would provide benefit management through a variety of strategies:

- Prior Authorization
- Disease Management
- Drug Utilization Review
- Preferred Drug List
- 34 day supply for brand name drugs
- Dose consolidation requirements
- MMAC list
- Cost Avoidance TPL

These strategies were originated in Maine since January of 2001, and will be in effect for the demonstration.

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